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REPORT

EUROPEAN CERTAMEN 2020: The right to citizenship: political and cultural integration models

State High School "Dante Alighieri" in Rome, in partnership with High School Terenzio Mamiani (Rome) - member of the Operating Technical Committee of the National League of Classical Lyceums - with State High School Torquato Tasso, with experts from the Italian academic world and twinning with Wilhelmsgymnasium in Munich, Bavaria, organizes the 6th edition of the transnational European Certamen.

Certamen VI- 2020 Edition

The aims of the *certamen* are:

- enhancing educational approaches designed to develop students' reasoning skills and to shape individuals capable of justifying their own choices;
- reflecting on the concept of multiculturalism seen as the cohabitation of different cultures within the same nation;
- promoting the encounter with other cultures for a rational evaluation of all the different possibilities and the achievement of desirable convergence through dialogue;
- strengthening the exchange of good practices between European educational systems through student mobility;
- emphasizing the connections between the teaching of Latin and Greek;
- reinforcing European cultural integration by revisiting classical authors and texts both synchronically and diachronically.

In ancient times, while the Greek *poleis* tend to preserve the uncontaminated purity of their pristine *politeuma* on the basis of an exclusivist principle of racial superiority, in Rome the extension of citizenship is considered one of the main causes of its greatness. As a matter of fact, Rome was born out of the fusion of different ethnic groups and it owes the longevity of its empire to its capacity to assimilate and enhance the contributions coming from the peoples it mixed up with. In ancient times the reception of strangers was motivated by the principles of utilitarianism and philanthropy which by merging generated the notion of 'political wisdom'. It is then appropriate to investigate the political, cultural and religious aspects of the ancient world which still today represent an important model of integration and promotion of different cultures in the European context. Besides, it is necessary to reflect on the new notion of citizenship on the basis of modern and contemporary philosophical thinking and of the many political and economic changes that affect contemporary society in the face of the challenges of globalization. This may lead us to rediscover how the classical world can still direct our choices.

The 2020 edition of the competition will be held in Rome on the 26th of February, 2019. It will last 4 hours, starting at 9.30 a.m. and closing at 1.00 p.m.

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- Second year of Classical schools: Classical Lyceum "Terenzio Mamiani"
- Fourth and fifth year of all types of high schools: Classical Lyceum "Dante Alighieri"